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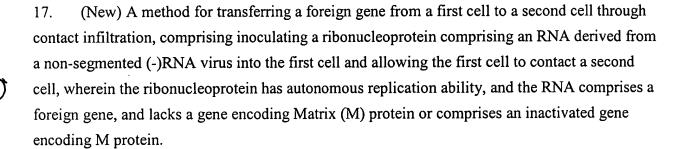
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice, and add new claims 17-21.



- 18. (New) A method for transferring a foreign gene from a first cell to a second cell through contact infiltration, comprising contacting the first cell comprising a ribonucleoprotein comprising an RNA derived from a non-segmented (-)RNA virus with a second cell, wherein the ribonucleoprotein has autonomous replication ability, and the RNA comprises a foreign gene, and lacks a gene encoding Matrix (M) protein or comprises an inactivated gene encoding M protein.
- 19. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the ribonucleoprotein is inoculated into a mammal.
- 20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the first cell comprising the ribonucleoprotein is inoculated into a mammal.
- 21. (New) The method of any one of claims 17 to 20, wherein the non-segmented (-)RNA virus is Sendai virus.